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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 114

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

PHYSICIANS: Requests the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners to study the potential outcomes of allowing sanctioned physicians to practice under supervision and its impact on the physician shortage

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners to study the possible
3	outcomes of allowing supervised practice for previously sanctioned physicians and
4	its effects on the physician shortage in this state.
5	WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the
6	board) to take disciplinary actions against physicians who have violated medical practice
7	rules and regulations by way of sanctions or license revocation; and
8	WHEREAS, the board keeps a public record of the sanctioned physicians in this
9	state; and
10	WHEREAS, according to a 2011 article by Public Citizen, Louisiana had one of the
11	highest three-year rates of serious disciplinary actions; and
12	WHEREAS, while a top ranking is impressive, it implies that a significant amount
13	of physicians in this state are being sanctioned; and
14	WHEREAS, there is a great need for physician retention in Louisiana as there is a
15	high number of physician vacancies and poor referral rates; and
16	WHEREAS, there has been substantial work done to develop and expand retention
17	programs for medical professionals to participate in Louisiana residency programs in an
18	effort to retain such medical professionals; and
19	WHEREAS, the implementation and pending development of such programs has not
20	positively contributed to the current physician shortage; and

1	WHEREAS, giving sanctioned physicians in this state an opportunity for redemption
2	via supervised practice could address the physician shortage; and
3	WHEREAS, it is imperative that the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners
4	gather and analyze information and data regarding the possible outcomes of allowing
5	supervised practice for previously sanctioned physicians as such a change could positively
6	influence the physician shortage and retention issues in this state.
7	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
8	request the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners to study the possible outcomes of
9	allowing supervised practice for previously sanctioned physicians and its effects on the
10	physician shortage in this state.
11	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on or before February 1, 2024, the Louisiana
12	State Board of Medical Examiners shall submit to the House Committee on Health and
13	Welfare and the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library a written report of its
14	findings and recommendations.
15	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the written report shall include all of the
16	following information regarding the sanctioned physicians:
17	(1) The total number of physicians who are sanctioned via suspension or revocation
18	of license over the past ten years.
19	(2) The names of the physicians who were sanctioned.
20	(3) The ages of the physicians who were sanctioned.
21	(4) The ethnicity and race of the physicians who were sanctioned.
22	(5) The cities in which the physicians who were sanctioned practiced.
23	(6) The gender identity of the physicians who were sanctioned.
24	(7) The practice specialties of the physicians who were sanctioned.
25	(8) The state in which the physicians who were sanctioned were professionally
26	trained.
27	(9) The current employment status and employer information of the physicians who
28	were sanctioned.
29	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
30	president of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners.

DIGEST

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